

Eugenia luschnathiana. The Pitomba. S. P. I. No. 37017.

This interesting myrtaceous tree, growing in the garden of Dr. Fortunato da Silva, at Cabulla, Bahia, presents a very attractive appearance with its smooth, grayish brown bark and dense head of glossy, deep green foliage. While considered by Otto C. Berg a native of Bahia, the pitombeiro, as the pitomba tree is called in Portuguese, is rare in the gardens of that region. It grows to a height of 20 to 30 feet, and produces in late December its crop of bright yellow, aromatic fruits. While the climate of Bahia is strictly tropical, the success attained with many closely allied myrtaceous fruits in Florida and southern California justifies the belief that the pitomba may prove adaptable to one of those regions. Photo by Dorsett, Popenoe and Shamel, December 20, 1913.